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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/404,925 filed on August 22, 2002. An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

Inventor(s): Masayuki NAKAYASU, Nobuyuki KATSUDA

For: INFLATOR

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of twenty-five (25) pages
- ☒ Six (6) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-239265 filed in Japan on August 20, 2002.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  
☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference(s)
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Provisional application filed in English:  
☐ YES ☒ NO
- If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy:  
☐ is attached hereto ☒ will follow.

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- ☒ Non-English specification - \$130.00 surcharge.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the filing fee, and surcharge (if applicable), is/are enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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